

# The Broad Ax

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**Hon. Emmett J. Scott, One of the Assistant Secretaries of War, Bangueted by the Texas Club, at the Idlewild Hotel, 33rd Street and S. Wabash Avenue. It Was in Every Way a Very Classy and Pleasant Affair.**

**ATTORNEY JAMES N. SIMMS VERY FITTINGLY INTRODUCED DR. MONROE A. MAJORS, PRESIDENT OF THE TEXAS CLUB WHO SERVED AS TOASTMASTER.**

**MR. AND MRS. WILLIAM C. GRAVES WERE AMONG THE HONORED GUESTS PRESENT. MR. GRAVES IS THE PRIVATE SECRETARY AND CONFIDENTIAL MAN OF MR. JULIUS ROSENWALD, PRESIDENT OF SEARS, ROEBUCK & CO.**

**MANY BRILLIANT AND ELOQUENT TOASTS WERE DELIVERED BY THOSE WHO WERE CALLED ON TO SPEAK.**

**JULIUS F. TAYLOR SPOKE ON THE "POWER OR THE INFLUENCE OF THE PRESS OR THE NEWSPAPER." AT THE CONCLUSION OF HIS REMARKS, HE WAS HEARTILY APPLAUDED BY THE MEN AND WOMEN SEATED AT THE BANQUET TABLES.**

On Tuesday evening Hon. Emmett J. Scott, secretary of Tuskegee Institute, Alabama, and one of the assistant secretaries of war, addressed a great meeting at the South Park Avenue M. E. Church, Thirty-third and South Park Avenue, on the conduct of the present world war and the part that the Colored people are playing in it. Mr. Scott made a highly interesting and instructive talk from beginning to end.

Mr. William C. Graves, secretary and confidential man of Mr. Julius Rosenwald, president of Sears, Roebuck & Co.; Dr. George C. Hall, Rev. A. J. Curry, were among the other speakers. Col. Robert S. Abbott presided over the meeting, which was held in the interest of the Urban League.

Later on that same Tuesday evening the Texas Club gave a banquet at the Idlewild Hotel, Thirty-third and South Wabash Avenue in honor of Mr. Scott, and in every way it was one of the most pleasant and enjoyable affairs which has occurred in this city in a long time. The dining room was tastefully and very beautifully decorated for the occasion and the American flag was in evidence everywhere. The many ladies present were richly and tastefully costumed and they resembled lovely or enchanting fairy queens.

Attorney James Nelson Simms in the very best of the English language fittingly introduced Dr. Monroe A. Majors, president of the Texas Club, as the toastmaster, who made a tip-top presiding officer, and he introduced the speakers in his most happy and jovial vein. The following ladies and gentlemen occupied seats around the festive board and the report was served by Mrs. E. J. Curry: Attorney W. E. Mollison, Major W. H. Lovings, Los Angeles, Cal.; Major John R. Lynch, James N. Simms, Editor E. R. Abbott, Dr. A. Wilberforce Williams, W. H. A. Moore, B. F. Mosley, Mrs. DeWitt Smith, Mr. A. L. McBride, Harry E. Waring, Frank B. Waring,

J. Gray Lucas, Dr. W. P. Lawton, J. Glenn, Miss E. L. Plummer, W. Allison Sweeney, Dr. M. A. Majors, R. T. Groener, Emmett J. Scott, Mrs. W. C. Graves, William C. Graves, Major, R. B. Jackson, Mrs. R. B. Jackson, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Wright, Dr. and Mrs. A. J. Carey, Mrs. J. W. Woodlee, Dr. Geo. C. Hall, Dr. C. G. Hall, Mrs. M. E. Booker, Mrs. J. R. Crane, H. S. Boube, Mrs. Etta Moore, Mrs. M. Dora Lawton, Major Louis G. Gregory, Washington, D. C.; Miss Helen Smallwood, Columbus, Ohio; W. C. Buckner, R. L. Handley, Mrs. Mamie J. Marshall, Mrs. Hattie L. Sheridan, Dr. and Mrs. J. A. Harper, Dr. and Mrs. C. V. Dudley, Dr. F. W. Adams, Mrs. Frank Anderson, Mrs. Marian Bowser, Mrs. Belle Patton, Miss Neomah J. Dunn, Mr. T. Arnold Hill, Mr. Starling, D. W. Carr, Mrs. E. A. Dunn, Mrs. G. A. Moore, Mrs. G. W. McKinley, Mrs. C. G. Stumph, Mrs. Ada S. McKinley, Prof. and Mrs. Wm. Emanuel, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. M. Porter, Mrs. J. R. Crane, El Paso, Tex., and Julius F. Taylor.

Toast were delivered by the following persons: "Our Guest," Prof. E. T. Groener; "Our Mayor," Hon. Louis B. Anderson; "Chicago," Hon. R. E. Jackson; "The Negro and the War," Hon. Walter M. Farmer; "The Power and Influence of the Press or the Newspaper," Julius F. Taylor; "Our Country," Hon. E. H. Wright; "The Negro in Politics," Oscar De Priest; "Racial Segregation," R. E. Abbott; "The Colored Men in the Professions," Dr. A. W. Williams; "The Negro's Opportunity," Hon. Geo. W. Ellis; "The Negro Soldier," Hon. John R. Lynch; "Our Boys in France," Rev. A. J. Carey; "After the War," Reverend F. Mosley; "Doing Big Things at War," Emmet J. Scott.

Alderman Louis B. Anderson, Hon. Oscar De Priest, Hon. George W. Ellis and Hon. Walter M. Farmer were not present to respond to their toasts, and after Robert S. Abbott did not respond

to his when his name was called by the smiling toastmaster.

Col. W. Allison Sweeney, W. H. A. Moore, Mr. W. E. Mollison and Attorney J. Gray Lucas eloquently unboomed themselves of extended and short remarks. Mr. Lucas maintained that war and the sword had accomplished more for the elevation and the advancement of the Colored race than peace.

Mrs. DeWitt Smith gave a highly interesting recitation. Mr. Scott, during his very delightful and highly polished talk, fully proved that he was more than capable of reflecting great honor and credit upon the twelve million Colored people residing in this grand and glorious republic.

**HONORS OF THE MEETING AT SOUTH PARK AVENUE CHURCH TUESDAY EVENING.**

Chicago, Ill., May 3, 1918.  
Julius F. Taylor,  
Editor The Broad Ax.

It was a case of a square peg in a round hole when Editor Robert S. Abbott, of the World's Greatest Weekly, endeavored to preside at the meeting in which our honored guest, the Hon. Emmett J. Scott, was the principal speaker. Editor Abbott's capers were really funny. His native ability to tangle the phrases of the English language into a ridiculous rhapsody evoked much laughter from the mixed audience. Of course, it was done "up the sleeve," for the sake of not embarrassing the seriousness of the occasion, but, nevertheless, the scene and setting of the situation could not restrain one from hiding laughter until he reached the proper place to give vent to his inward passion.

The current opinion among the audience, both black and white, was the grave error made by the committee on arrangements in allowing such an ill-prepared man as Editor Abbott to preside and throw such a damper on the brilliant occasion. Such expressions as: "Rev. Carey will now pass the benediction around," and "Now we come to the apex of the evening," were heard to rend the air, and were fairly gobbled up with laughter by the whole audience. His honorable friends, Edward Wright, Rev. Carey et al., acquiesced in their seats and evidently yearned for Editor Abbott to finish his butchery of the English language as quick as possible.

It is to be regretted that on such a notable occasion as was that at South Park Avenue Church last Tuesday Editor Abbott missed the honor of his office as master of ceremonies and saw fit to act the monkey and display gross ignorance. Great goodness, it made us all feel punk.

Thanking you, I remain, cordially yours,  
J. FOSTER LINCOLN,  
Twelfth Street Station Employee I. C. Railroad.

An ardent reader of The Broad Ax.

C. C. Smallwood, 1912 S. Dearborn street, is on his old run again from Chicago to Los Angeles, Cal., over the Salt Lake Route, and Mr. Smallwood is feeling mighty good again on being selected as one of the head men on a first-class train.



HON. PATRICK J. CARR

One of the wide-awake and energetic Trustees of the Sanitary District of Chicago, who may be induced to make the race for Sheriff of Cook County this coming fall

**HON. SAMUEL INSULL, CHAIRMAN ILLINOIS STATE COUNCIL OF DEFENSE, SETS FORTH HIS VIEWS ON THE WAR.**

Civilization, as we of America know it, is fighting for existence. If the army of the allies in France has its back against the wall, we are that wall. Should the wall crumble the allied army will be overwhelmed.

That wall is our civilization. Into it we have builded all we know of human liberty and right; all we hope for in development and progress.

Progress, as we conceive it, has already been halted by the war—halted for three years. It cannot be resumed until the war is ended; it cannot be resumed at all unless the war is ended with the allied nations victorious.

With Prussia triumphant an element new to us will be dominant—the element of Force. It will be dominant in our land as in all lands, and the first act of Prussia triumphant through Force will be a war indemnity.

This prophecy is not hysterical; it is not an outgrowth of fear. It is the simple assumption that what triumphant Prussia has done universally in her past she will not forego doing to us. Prussia in her whole history never entered upon a war except for the loot there was in it, and Prussia forced this war upon the world solely for the loot it would yield.

What is the proof in this war, proof

that a war indemnity will be levied upon us if Germany wins?

The looting of Belgium, of Russia, of Roumania and Serbia; indemnities and assessments against every little or big victim of her force.

Belgium escaped to the bone, everything taken that could be carried off, still has to pay an annual levy of \$100,000,000.

Bucharest, when captured, was assessed \$350 per capita.

Chicago is a far, far richer city than Bucharest, and the Prussian takes all the traffic will bear. But assess Chicago on the Bucharest basis, and it would have to give—give, not lend—to Prussia conquerors \$950,000,000; assess Illinois on that basis and the state would have to pay \$2,380,000,000; assess the United States on that basis and the Prussian loot would be \$40,000,000,000.

Staggering as they seem, such assessments would be but a beginning. There would be annual levies as long as Prussia was dominant. Prussia is out to loot the world, and the measure of her rapacity is the strength of her sword.

The members of the Appomattox Club are becoming actively interested in Dr. LeRoy N. Bundy, and at a meeting held recently a committee was selected to devise ways and means to raise some money to aid him in his legal battle for his life when he is put on trial at the September term of court. William B. Cowan is chairman of the committee; John R. Anter, secretary.

**JULIUS F. TAYLOR WILL SPEAK ON THE SUBJECT, "THE CIVILIZATION OF THE ANCIENT EGYPTIANS."**

(COMMUNICATED.)

On Sunday afternoon, May 5, at four o'clock, Mr. Julius F. Taylor, editor of The Broad Ax, will address the John F. Moreland Club at the Y. M. C. A., Evanston, Ill., on the subject above mentioned. Mr. Taylor has devoted much study to the question to be discussed, and literary people in this city consider him an authority on this subject.

Mr. Taylor always expresses himself well and eloquently, and those who will have the good fortune to hear him will be entitled to congratulations.

W. E. M.

**HURRY UP!**

Get your seats for the Women's Amateur Minstrel. The committee think they have broken the record. 35 boxes and 500 seats sold in ten days. The box holders are Chicago's representative people. Such a galaxy of fashion and beauty will rival the stage attractions. Box O, is not Mrs. Dull-Gordon but you'll think so when you see the fair patroness. Box T is not Mayor Thompson's but he is close to the mayor. One very attractive box is the Military Box. Eight officers from Camp Grant in their splendid uniforms.